

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1, 18, and 35 have been amended herein. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer programmed method for providing one or more medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors, wherein the one or more medication administration comments are provided at a place of administration of a medication in a hospital setting, the method comprising:

accepting a medication administrator identification for a medication administrator;

accepting a patient identification for a patient;

displaying a graphical user interface listing one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;

accepting a user selection of one of the listed medications from the medication administrator, the selected medication corresponding with a medication to be administered to the patient by the medication administrator;

providing a data store having two or more ~~a plurality of~~ compliance rules corresponding with the selected medication, the two or more compliance rules including at least a first compliance rule and a second compliance rule, wherein the first compliance rule includes a first condition and one or more first medication administration comments specific to the selected medication and the first condition, and wherein the second compliance rule includes a second condition ~~each of the compliance rules comprising a respective medication, a respective condition for the compliance rule, and one or more respective second medication administration comments specific to the~~ respective second medication and the second condition;

determining if a ~~that the first~~ condition for ~~at least one the first~~ compliance rule ~~from the plurality of compliance rules~~ has been satisfied, wherein the ~~at least one compliance rule relates to the selected medication and has one or more associated medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors;~~ and

displaying at the place of administration of the medication in a hospital setting, on a display device, the one or more first medication administration comments associated with the ~~at least one first~~ compliance rule when the first condition has been satisfied.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand name for a medication matches the selected medication.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates additional verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the patient should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of the medication.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication contains a toxic substance.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for providing one or more medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors, wherein the one or more medication administration comments are provided at a place of administration of a medication in a hospital setting, the system comprising:

(a) a computer having a memory and a processor;

(b) a plurality of compliance rules corresponding with a given medication stored in said memory, wherein each of ~~the~~ compliance rules ~~is associated with a respective medication and maintains~~ includes a respective condition and one or more respective medication administration comments specific to the respective given medication and the respective condition for the compliance rule for preventing medication administration errors;

(c) a program executing on said computer, the program configured to:

(1) accept a medication administration identification for a medication administrator;

(2) accept a patient identification for a patient;

(3) accept a user selection of a listed medication from the medication administrator, the selected medication corresponding with a medication to be administered to the patient by the medication administrator and corresponding with the given medication;

(4) determine if a respective condition for at least one compliance rule from the plurality of compliance rules has been satisfied for the selected medication;

(d) a graphical user interface (GUI) executing on said computer, the graphical user interface configured to:

(1) list one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;

(2) display at the place of administration of the medication in a hospital setting the one or more respective medication administration comments ~~associated with the selected medication~~ when the program determines that the respective condition for the at least one compliance rule has been satisfied for the selected medication.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand name for a medication matches the selected medication.

21. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

22. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

23. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates additional verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

24. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

25. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

26. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the patient should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of the medication.

27. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

28. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

29. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

30. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

31. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

32. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication contains a toxic substance.

33. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

34. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.

35. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer to perform a method for providing one or more medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors, wherein the one or more medication administration comments are provided at a place of administration of a medication in a hospital setting, the method comprising:

~~accepting a medication administrator identification for a medication administrator;~~

~~accepting~~ receiving a patient identification for a patient;

~~displaying a graphical user interface listing one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;~~

~~accepting a user selection of one of the listed medications from the medication administrator, the selected medication corresponding with receiving a medication identification for a~~ medication to be administered to the patient ~~by the medication administrator;~~

accessing a data store having ~~a plurality of two or more~~ compliance rules ~~corresponding with the medication and including at least a first compliance rule and a second compliance rule, wherein the first compliance rule includes information associated with a first condition and a first medication administration comment specific to the medication and the first condition, and wherein the second compliance rule includes information associated with a second condition and a second medication administration comment specific to the medication and the second condition;~~ each of the compliance rules comprising a respective medication, a respective condition for the compliance rule, and one or more respective medication administration comments specific to the respective medication;

determining if at least one of the first condition and the second condition has been satisfied; ~~a condition for at least one compliance rule from the plurality of compliance rules has been satisfied, wherein the at least one compliance rule relates to the selected medication and has one or more associated medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors; and~~

displaying at the place of administration of the medication in a hospital setting, on a display device, the ~~one or more~~ first medication administration comment ~~comments associated with the at least one compliance rule~~ when the first condition has been satisfied and the second administration comment when the second condition has been satisfied.

36. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.

37. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand name for a medication matches the selected medication.

38. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

39. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

40. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates additional verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

41. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

42. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

43. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the patient should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of the medication.

44. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

45. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

46. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

47. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

48. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

49. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication contains a toxic substance.

50. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

51. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.